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**Report Highlights:**

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## Executive Summary

Spain's 1999/2000 orange crop is estimated at 2,710,400 metric tons, slightly higher than the previous estimate and about 10 percent higher than last season's output. According to the latest official estimates, 1999/2000 tangerine production is expected to be 2,070,800 metric tons, higher than earlier estimates and about 17 percent above last year's crop. The latest official estimates peg the 1999/2000 Spanish lemon crop at 899,300 metric tons, about 2 percent higher than last year. The 1999/2000 total citrus crop is estimated at 5.7 million tons, about 16 percent higher than the previous year's crop.

Total production of the main citrus crops for marketing year 1999/2000, by region, is as follows:

### Spanish Citrus Production - 1999/2000 Metric Tons

| Region       | Sweet Oranges    | Tangerines       | Bitter Oranges | Lemons         | Grapefruits   | TOTAL            |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Valencia     | 1,670,300        | 1,795,700        | 0              | 308,900        | 3,015         | <b>3,777,915</b> |
| Murcia       | 123,200          | 61,800           | 0              | 402,000        | 12,380        | <b>599,380</b>   |
| Andalucia    | 798,300          | 123,600          | 15,637         | 171,500        | 8,057         | <b>1,117,094</b> |
| Catalonia    | 60,900           | 87,500           | 0              | 1,100          | 18            | <b>149,518</b>   |
| Balearic Is. | 24,500           | 1,400            | 0              | 2,000          | 0             | <b>27,900</b>    |
| Others       | 33,200           | 800              | 0              | 13,800         | 100           | <b>47,900</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,710,400</b> | <b>2,070,800</b> | <b>15,637</b>  | <b>899,300</b> | <b>23,570</b> | <b>5,719,707</b> |

Citrus producers organizations have indicated in a recent meeting that the 1999/00 marketing season has not been very positive. Production was higher than last year; consequently, producers' prices were lower. For instance, some producers sold to the industry for processing Navelina at 5 pesetas/Kg. The Navel is currently being sold at 15-20 pesetas/Kg, and Navel-Late at 30-40 pesetas/Kg. Among tangerines, Fortuna variety is being sold at 35-45 pesetas/Kg. Lemons and grapefruits are not facing major problems.

At the end of the campaign there is still one million tons of citrus remaining to be harvested. Producers organizations are requesting around \$17 million from the Administration to pay the salaries of the citrus harvesters to harvest fruit still on the trees, thus avoiding more losses if the fruit is not harvested.

The two key factors to explain this crisis in the citrus sector are overproduction and lack of quality control. Fruit affected by the frost was sent to the market which reduced further demand.

Spain's orange exports during marketing year 1998/99 were 1,286,012 metric tons; tangerine exports were 1,145,532 tons, and lemon exports were 451,426 tons. During the previous year, citrus exports were 1,382,418 tons of oranges, 1,343,555 tons of tangerines and 558,424 tons of lemons.

Note: 1 Euro = 166.386 pesetas; \$0.93

\$1 = 177 pesetas

### P,S&D Fresh Oranges

| PSD Table              |               |         |             |         |                                 |         |
|------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Country                | Spain         |         |             |         |                                 |         |
| Commodity              | Fresh Oranges |         |             |         | (HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT) |         |
|                        | Revised       | 1997    | Preliminary | 1998    | Forecast                        | 1999    |
|                        | Old           | New     | Old         | New     | Old                             | New     |
| Market Year Begin      |               | 11/1997 |             | 11/1998 |                                 | 11/1999 |
| Area Planted           | 133800        | 135584  | 133800      | 136000  | 133500                          | 136000  |
| Area Harvested         | 121700        | 122000  | 121700      | 121100  | 125000                          | 122000  |
| Bearing Trees          | 0             | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Non-Bearing Trees      | 0             | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| TOTAL No. Of Trees     | 0             | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Production             | 2744          | 2744    | 2442        | 2442    | 2691                            | 2710    |
| Imports                | 56            | 56      | 57          | 112     | 45                              | 45      |
| TOTAL SUPPLY           | 2800          | 2800    | 2499        | 2554    | 2736                            | 2755    |
| Exports                | 1382          | 1382    | 1250        | 1286    | 1400                            | 1400    |
| Fresh Dom. Consumption | 656           | 656     | 569         | 570     | 636                             | 640     |
| Processing             | 762           | 762     | 680         | 698     | 700                             | 715     |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION     | 2800          | 2800    | 2499        | 2554    | 2736                            | 2755    |

**P,S&D Fresh Tangerines**

|                        |                  |         |             |         |                                 |         |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| PSD Table              |                  |         |             |         |                                 |         |
| Country                | Spain            |         |             |         |                                 |         |
| Commodity              | Fresh Tangerines |         |             |         | (HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT) |         |
|                        | Revised          | 1997    | Preliminary | 1998    | Forecast                        | 1999    |
|                        | Old              | New     | Old         | New     | Old                             | New     |
| Market Year Begin      |                  | 11/1997 |             | 11/1998 |                                 | 11/1999 |
| Area Planted           | 97072            | 101250  | 97072       | 102000  | 102500                          | 102500  |
| Area Harvested         | 82800            | 86000   | 82800       | 87000   | 87500                           | 87500   |
| Bearing Trees          | 0                | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Non-Bearing Trees      | 0                | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| TOTAL No. Of Trees     | 0                | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Production             | 1970             | 1970    | 1763        | 1760    | 2024                            | 2070    |
| Imports                | 2                | 2       | 0           | 5       | 2                               | 2       |
| TOTAL SUPPLY           | 1972             | 1972    | 1763        | 1765    | 2026                            | 2072    |
| Exports                | 1344             | 1382    | 1238        | 1146    | 1400                            | 1400    |
| Fresh Dom. Consumption | 350              | 340     | 325         | 360     | 375                             | 392     |
| Processing             | 278              | 250     | 200         | 259     | 251                             | 280     |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION     | 1972             | 1972    | 1763        | 1765    | 2026                            | 2072    |

**P,S&D Fresh Lemons**

|                        |              |         |             |         |                                 |         |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| PSD Table              |              |         |             |         |                                 |         |
| Country                | Spain        |         |             |         |                                 |         |
| Commodity              | Fresh Lemons |         |             |         | (HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT) |         |
|                        | Revised      | 1997    | Preliminary | 1998    | Forecast                        | 1999    |
|                        | Old          | New     | Old         | New     | Old                             | New     |
| Market Year Begin      |              | 11/1997 |             | 11/1998 |                                 | 11/1999 |
| Area Planted           | 43500        | 43900   | 43500       | 43900   | 43500                           | 43900   |
| Area Harvested         | 42100        | 42500   | 42100       | 42500   | 43000                           | 43000   |
| Bearing Trees          | 0            | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Non-Bearing Trees      | 0            | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| TOTAL No. Of Trees     | 0            | 0       | 0           | 0       | 0                               | 0       |
| Production             | 647          | 902     | 701         | 878     | 892                             | 899     |
| Imports                | 18           | 18      | 15          | 33      | 10                              | 10      |
| TOTAL SUPPLY           | 665          | 920     | 716         | 911     | 902                             | 909     |
| Exports                | 558          | 558     | 500         | 451     | 650                             | 569     |
| Fresh Dom. Consumption | 60           | 142     | 90          | 230     | 107                             | 125     |
| Processing             | 47           | 220     | 126         | 230     | 145                             | 215     |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION     | 665          | 920     | 716         | 911     | 902                             | 909     |

**P,S&D Orange Juice**

|                      |                  |         |             |         |                 |         |
|----------------------|------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| PSD Table            |                  |         |             |         |                 |         |
| Country              | Spain            |         |             |         | Degrees<br>Brix |         |
| Commodity            | Juice,<br>Orange |         |             |         | (MT)            |         |
|                      | Revised          | 1997    | Preliminary | 1998    | Forecast        | 1999    |
|                      | Old              | New     | Old         | New     | Old             | New     |
| Market Year Begin    |                  | 11/1997 |             | 11/1998 |                 | 11/1999 |
| Deliv. To Processors | 762              | 762     | 680         | 698     | 700             | 715     |
| Beginning Stocks     | 0                | 0       | 5100        | 5100    | 4600            | 200     |
| Production           | 47600            | 47600   | 42500       | 43600   | 44000           | 44680   |
| Imports              | 37000            | 37000   | 35000       | 25500   | 32000           | 30000   |
| TOTAL SUPPLY         | 84600            | 84600   | 82600       | 74200   | 80600           | 74880   |
| Exports              | 56500            | 56500   | 52000       | 56600   | 54000           | 54000   |
| Domestic Consumption | 23000            | 23000   | 26000       | 17400   | 26000           | 20080   |
| Ending Stocks        | 5100             | 5100    | 4600        | 200     | 600             | 800     |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION   | 84600            | 84600   | 82600       | 74200   | 80600           | 74880   |